



CYRIL BISHOP of Acton stares in amazement at the remains of his late model car from which he escaped seconds before it was smashed by a C.N.R. locomotive last Friday at the railway crossing at Pleasant, near Brampton. Travelling alone and returning from work on the night shift at Malton, Mr. Bishop stated his car went into a spin on the icy road when he applied his brakes when the wig-wag began to flash. His car stalled on the track after turning completely around and the driver leapt out only a few seconds before the car was torn to shreds by the train.

Local Topics

—Many children are away from school with colds and flu.

—Most country roads are in dire need of some sanding, especially at the crossroads.

—Several car owners had trouble getting their vehicles started on Monday.

—The hula hoop craze has died out but many stores are still sporting displays of the plastic hoops.

—The bad the grader broke down last week before all the ice and snow was removed from Mill Street.

—The main artery through Acton is becoming broken up and is badly in need of patching or repair.

—The groundhog evidently saw his shadow on Monday morning. Incidentally, temperatures hovered in the ten below zero area.

—Ever try playing shabby on the side street with your youngsters? They play too rough as a pair of bruised shins indicated this week.

—Notice how much longer the days are getting? Could be soon (we hope) that old man sun will be strong enough to heat the houses.

—Acton boys put up a game fight playing hockey in Hespler last Saturday but the experienced Hespler teams were too much for the locals.

—The girls' hockey team is shaping up into quite a club. It will be interesting to see the girls on Booster Night when they play against Milton.

—A ride through the country Sunday revealed the hills bare of winter sports enthusiasts. Plenty of snow on the hills but sportsmen were missing.

—Members of other local churches were among those attending the final evening of the Greenway crusade Sunday evening at the Baptist church.

—Bowling column writer of the Milton weekly newspaper spotted what he called "frothy" remarks in last week's Acton column. He quotes, "Ken (Hilford) relates that a team from the tannery has been recruited to fill in the spot left by the Milton entry in the inter-county league. While accepting Milton's excuse for dropping out, we feel that it was lack of organization and management." The Milton scribble goes on to comment on the quotation, "Oh well, he had to fill the space with something. However, it looks as if the local lads could sharpen up and scare 'hang' out of that Acton entry next year."

OBITUARY

William G. Marshall Was Known Locally

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POET'S CORNER

They will be done,
Dear Lord, how hard to say,
When those who love so dearly
Are called away.

They will be done,
Grant strength to bear the loss,
Knowing Thy all-wise love
Works for our best.

They pray, will come,
Our troubled hearts to still,
When we in deep submission
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LEGION NEWS



OBITUARY

Funeral Service on Saturday For the Late Mrs. W. Reid

Mrs. Ada Maude Reid of R.R. 2, Campbellville, passed away in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on January 29 following an illness of one month. Mrs. Reid, the widow of the late Dr. William Reid, Y.S. of Balcarres, Saskatchewan, came here from the west ten years ago.

She was very fond of knitting and fancy work. She will be especially missed by the children whom she found such good company. She was particularly fond of youngsters.

Mrs. Reid was born in West Fiamboro in Wentworth county 76 years ago, the daughter of David and Elizabeth Finlay.

She was married in Nassagaweya township in December, 1906.

Two Sons Remain

She is survived by two sons, Douglas Reid of Elm Flon, Manitoba, and Laurence Reid of Balcarres, Saskatchewan; a brother Phineas Finlay of R.R. 2, Campbellville.

At the last dinner, several applications for the eye bank were handed out and only a few have been returned. Just a reminder to those receiving the applications, if you are interested in donating your eyes for this worthy cause, please return the form to Vic Patrick.

Med Jordan is looking for a few snooker players for Saturday to play in the tournament in Brampton. If anyone is interested please phone Mr. J. and get your name on the list.

Billard players are needed for the tournament in Brampton on the 7th. Get your name on the list and don't forget to get in a little practice before next week.

Free transportation is being supplied all interested members who wish to attend the Zone meeting in Port Credit on Sunday, February 8th and are asked to be at the Legion Hall in Acton ready to leave at 1:15 pm.

Initiation night is being set for the meeting of April 6, so get the names of any proposed members in to Gord McCutcheon in order to have them join the organization this meeting.

Branch 197 wishes Lou Boehm a speedy recovery and quick return from Toronto hospital.

Thunk is quite pleased with the turnout for the last Friday and has hopes the turnout will increase for next Friday (to-morrow).

Results of the night's play last week saw secretary, Guid McCutcheon trot home with a bundle of juicy steaks for a weekend treat when he netted a score of 66.

Frank Winters got his name on the home list when he ragged second prize with a score of 67 close behind Gord and Norm Cunningham although mounted with a cast on his arm, shuffled the cards well enough to gain third prize with 66. T. Shannon tucked the bologna under his arm as he made his way home in the icy streets when he scored a low of 30.

Interest is running high in the league or perhaps the players are having trouble from keeping their mouth watering when they think of a hundred juicy steaks for prizes.

A newcomer is entering the district and taken over Mike Cox's team formerly known as the Heatlers. We say newcomer simply because Larry Nolan who is quite well known in Branch 197 has developed a new team to pursue it for Mike.

Thinking quick perhaps the name "Blanes Boss" would be appropriate for the new entry as they all apparently come from that district.

Meanwhile back at the tournament last Tuesday, Steve Bils defeated the new entry "Blanes Boss" 4-3 just to equalize them. Leftovers received a full five points over Steve's team which latter defeated Sports' team's medals, Aviators 4-1 and Duffers skunked Chippers 3-0.

Standing 3-0, Duffers 4-8, Steve Bils 4-3, Sports' 4-3, Chippers 3-3, Aviators 3-4, Blanes Boss 2-3, Stoneasons 2-7, and Leftovers 2-7.

Greenway Crusade Ends Sunday Evening

Evangelist and Mrs. W. W. Greenway closed their Mission Sunday night at the Baptist church and have gone to Beamsville in a similar crusade.

Their ministry in Acton was very successful in the creation and development of spiritual life among the many who were privileged to attend the services.

Pot-Luck Supper Precedes Annual Church Vestry Meet

The annual Vestry meeting of St. John's Church was held Tuesday evening last week in the Parish hall with a pot-luck supper preceding. The meeting was attended by some twenty-five members, with a few more coming in before the business meeting.

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Personal Notes...

Of Actonians Visiting Out-of-Town Points and Visitors in Acton Homes

Friends were sorry to learn that Mr. Bob Frank is ill in hospital.

Mr. Jack Reid and Mr. Gordon Beatty left Sunday by plane on a business trip to the west.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert K. Balfour of Toronto visited Friday with Mrs. Bracken on Arthur St.

Visiting friends in town Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. John Black and their son Robbie of Elliot Lake.

Mrs. (Rev.) Gordon Holmes is in Hamilton this week, nursing her mother, Mrs. R. J. McRoberts, who is recovering from her recent illness.

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Mrs. D. Allen Barber was one of the many attending the 49th Annual Convention of the Ontario Federation of Women's Institutes, held in April.

Eight members of the Acton Rotary Club entertained their wives to a dinner at the Charcoal Pit in Kitchener and enjoyed a show after, during "Ladies' Night" on Tuesday evening.

Attending the Halton county public speaking competition at Georgetown last Friday evening were Rev. A. McKenzie, principal G. W. McKenzie, Mrs. J. Moore, Mrs. G. Benton, with grade eight students Nancy Reid, Mary Beth Elliott, Helen Benton, Geraldine Calder, Gail Rossell, Janet Logan-Caldwell and Linda Cox.

The sons and daughters of the McDermid clan, whose father was Charles McDermid of Guelph, were pleased to hear about their uncle on Scotland recently appearing on TV to evaluate his "hitch" of 100 years ago. Mr. McDermid, received many birthday greetings. Most important of all was a cable from his Majesty, Queen Elizabeth. Mrs. D. Allen Barber is one of the many news.

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After an illness of two weeks, Miss Catherine Kelly of 89 Church St., passed away at her home on Monday, February 2.

Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's church this morning (Thursday) was sung by Rev. Father V. J. Morgan.

Pallbearers were Pat McCrystal, Pat Kelly, Walter Fryer, Henry Kelly, George Kelly and Joe Kelly.

Interment was in Dublin Cemetery.

Miss Kelly moved to town four years ago, after living at R.R. 4, Acton, for 40 years. She made her home with her sister, Mrs. Rachel Storey, and brother, Thomas Kelly, who survive her.

She was born in Huron county, daughter of the late Catherine Oliver and William Kelly.

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